



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste Projects in Montana

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**W2ASACT** is a group of stakeholders working on water, wastewater, and solid waste projects to improve our state's environmental infrastructure.

This guide is intended to help communities find resources to upgrade and improve infrastructure.

**Important factors to consider when seeking funding:**

- ✓ **Project eligibility:** Ensure your project meets the criteria for the specific funding program.
- ✓ **Community needs:** Demonstrate how the project addresses critical water or sewer infrastructure issues within your community.
- ✓ **Cost-effectiveness:** Prepare a detailed budget and demonstrate the project's financial viability.
- ✓ **Application process:** Carefully review the application requirements and deadlines for each funding source.

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## MIDWEST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)

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### MIDWEST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)

Provides free technical assistance for water, wastewater, and solid waste needs

<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Montana rural communities and tribal nations
<b>Special Requirements and Additional Information</b>	See details at <a href="http://www.map-inc.org">www.map-inc.org</a>

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# MONTANA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

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## MONTANA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS

- Water & Wastewater Technical Assistance and Training, Source Water Protection - USDA
- EPA Water Training, Septic, and Wastewater Program

Eligible Applicants	All Public Water and Wastewater Supply Systems
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Circuit Riders serve populations less than 10,000, all other programs serve all public water and wastewater supplies

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## MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC)

### Renewable Resource Grant & Loan Program (RRGL)

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#### DNRC/RRGL - PROJECT GRANTS AND LOANS

Eligible Applicants	Government entities (Includes Indian Tribes)
Eligible Projects	Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Irrigation and Restoration Projects
Eligible Project Costs	Grant Administration, Contracted Engineering, Construction, Equipment, Materials or Supplies
Local Match Required	No
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Grants: \$125,000 Loans: No maximum
Loan Repayment Period	20 Years or less
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Applications due on May 15 of even numbered years
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Projects must conserve, manage, develop, or preserve a renewable resource.

#### DNRC/RRGL - PLANNING GRANTS

Eligible Applicants	Government entities (Includes Indian Tribes)
Eligible Projects	Planning for Eligible Projects
Local Match Required	No
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	\$15,000 - \$40,000
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Multiple grant cycles throughout the year
Technical Assistance Program	Communities that need assistance applying for planning grants may qualify for 20 hours of engineering support.
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Preliminary engineering, planning, or other activities leading to a renewable resource project.



## DNRC/RRGL - EMERGENCY GRANT PROGRAM

Eligible Applicants	Government entities (Includes Indian Tribes)
Eligible Projects	Renewable Resource Conservation, Management, Development, and Preservation Projects
Local Match Required	No
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Up to \$30,000
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Grant cycles are open and awarded until funds have been expended.
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Emergency projects which pose an immediate threat to the beneficial management of a renewable resource and may not be made because of the gross negligence or lack of proper maintenance of the state, local, tribal government, or sponsored applicant.



## Reclamation & Development Grants (RDG)

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## DNRC/RDG

Eligible Applicants	Government entities (Includes Indian Tribes)
Eligible Projects	Reclamation of mining or hazardous waste sites, drought planning and projects, high hazard dams, research and investigations of sites with threats to the environment or public health, and other crucial state needs
Local Match Required	No
Planning Costs Covered?	Planning grants are available for eligible projects up to \$70,000
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Up to \$500,000
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Project grant applications due May 15 of even numbered years. Planning grants multiple grant cycles throughout the year.



MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF  
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## MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC) Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP)

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### DOC/CTAP

Eligible Applicants	Counties and municipalities, local government entities, special districts, water/sewer districts, federally recognized tribes.
Eligible Projects	Comprehensive community planning, Land Use Planning Act, subdivision regulations and review, Zoning regulations and administration, downtown masterplans, housing, building assessments, capital improvement planning
Local Match Required	No
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Dependent upon request/need
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Statewide assistance and resources: Model documents and planning resources, Community Planning Platform and data resources, on-site and virtual trainings and workshops, review and guidance on draft plans and policies



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG)

### Community & Public Facility Grants

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#### DOC/CDBG - COMMUNITY & PUBLIC FACILITY GRANTS

Eligible Applicants	Incorporated cities and towns, and counties <i>Noté</i> Counties may apply on behalf of water/sewer district, tribal utility authorities, cities and towns, and NGOs
Eligible Projects	Public infrastructure improvements such as water, wastewater, solid waste, hookup fees and assessments, and improvements to community spaces not used for government business such as senior centers, food banks, and community centers
Local Match Required	Yes, 25% of CDBG award
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Up to \$750,000
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Annual, fall 2025
Special Requirements and Additional Information	At least 51% of the beneficiaries of a project must be low or moderate income

## Community Planning Grants

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### DOC/CDBG - COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANTS

Eligible Applicants	Incorporated cities and towns, and counties <i>Noté</i> Counties may apply on behalf of water/sewer district, tribal utility authorities, cities and towns, and NGOs
Eligible Projects	Growth policy capital improvements plan, housing study, downtown plan/study, preliminary engineering report, preliminary architectural report, historic preservation plan, site-specific economic development plan/study
Local Match Required	Yes, 25% of total planning project cost
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Up to \$50,000
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Biannual, late spring and fall 2025
Special Requirements and Additional Information	*At least 51% of the beneficiaries of a project must be low or moderate income for any site-specific plan/study

### DOC/CDBG - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Eligible Applicants	Incorporated cities and towns, and counties <i>Noté</i> Counties may apply on behalf of water/sewer district, tribal utility authorities, cities and towns, and NGOs
Eligible Projects	Projects that create or retain jobs for at least 51% low and moderate – income individuals
Local Match Required	Yes, 1:1
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	\$35,000 per job created or retained, up to a maximum award of \$525,000
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open
Special Requirements and Additional Information	At least 51% of the beneficiaries of a project must be low or moderate income



## MONTANA COAL ENDOWMENT PROGRAM (MCEP)

### Infrastructure Construction Grants

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#### DOC/MCEP – INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

Eligible Applicants	Incorporated cities, towns, counties and consolidated governments; county/multi-county water, sewer or solid waste districts; and tribal governments
Eligible Projects	Drinking water systems, wastewater treatment, sanitary or storm sewers, solid waste systems, and bridges
Local Match Required	<b>Yes, 100% of MCEP award</b>
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Up to \$750,000 for W/WW/SW based on user rate at completion; Up to \$500,000 for bridge projects
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Biennial, even numbered years
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Funding and awards approved by Legislature



### Infrastructure Planning Grants

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#### DOC/MCEP – INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANTS

Eligible Applicants	Incorporated cities, towns, counties and consolidated governments; county/multi-county water, sewer or solid waste districts; and tribal governments
Eligible Projects	Capital improvements plan and preliminary engineering reports for drinking water systems, wastewater treatment facilities, sanitary or storm sewer systems, solid waste systems, and bridges
Local Match Required	Yes, 20% of total planning project cost
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Up to \$40,000
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Biennial, odd years
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Applicants are eligible for up to 4 grants per cycle: 2 PERs (1 for a water, wastewater, stormwater, or solid waste each), 1 comprehensive CIP, and 1 bridge CIP or PER.

## Emergency Grants

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### DOC/MCEP – EMERGENCY GRANTS

Eligible Applicants	Incorporated cities and towns, counties, water, sewer and solid waste districts, and federally recognized tribal governments
Eligible Projects	Drinking water systems, wastewater treatment, sanitary or storm sewers, solid waste systems, and bridges
Local Match Required	Local participation required
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	\$15,000 - \$30,000
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Applications accepted until appropriation is gone
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Funding approved by Legislature; awards approved by Commerce

## MONTANA COAL BOARD GRANT PROGRAM

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### DOC/MONTANA COAL BOARD GRANT PROGRAM

Eligible Applicants	Local governmental units (cities, towns, counties, school districts, water and sewer districts, etc.), state agencies, and governing bodies of federally recognized Indian tribes
Eligible Projects	Any governmental services that are needed as a direct consequence of an increase or decrease of coal development or of an increase or decrease in the consumption of coal by a coal-using energy complex.
Local Match Required	Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Dependent upon request/need
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Quarterly, applications due 45 days prior to quarterly Coal Board meetings
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Areas experiencing impacts from coal development or decline. Funding approved by Coal Board



## WESTERN MONTANA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Stormwater and Septic Leachate Toxics Reduction Grant Program

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#### RESIDENTIAL SEPTIC SYSTEM EDUCATION & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Eligible Applicants	Local governments and Special Districts, Tribal governments, Non-Profit 501(c)(3)'s and Institutes of Higher Education.
Eligible Projects	Develop or expand residential septic maintenance programs that provide cost-share, outreach, and programming on water quality impacts.
Local Match Required	25% Non-Federal Match
Planning Costs Covered?	N/A
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	\$50,000.00
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open until all Funds Expended
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Funds are federal and state and federal regulations are applicable

#### SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT & SEWER CONNECTIVITY

Eligible Applicants	Local governments and Special Districts, Tribal governments, Non-Profit 501(c)(3)'s and Institutes of Higher Education.
Eligible Projects	Purpose of funds are to support projects that benefit local water quality by replacing septic systems or connecting to sewer services.
Local Match Required	25% Non-Federal Match
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	\$80,000.00
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open until all Funds Expended
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Funds are federal and state and federal regulations are applicable





## SHOWCASE GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Eligible Applicants	Local governments and Special Districts, Tribal governments, Non-Profit 501(c)(3)'s and Institutes of Higher Education.
Eligible Projects	Purpose of funds are to create green stormwater infrastructure projects designed to mitigate pollution and reduce runoff. Successful projects will include community co-benefits, such as recreational and educational opportunities.
Local Match Required	25% Non-Federal Match
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	\$1.1 million
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open until all Funds Expended Round
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Funds are federal and state and federal regulations are applicable

## RESIDENTIAL & COMMUNITY GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Eligible Applicants	Local governments and Special Districts, Tribal governments, Non-Profit 501(c)(3)'s and Institutes of Higher Education.
Eligible Projects	Purpose of funds are to support the development of community green stormwater infrastructure programs. Successful programs will include elements of community education and long-term programmatic development.
Local Match Required	25% Non-Federal Match
Planning Costs Covered?	N/A
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	\$50,000.00
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open until all Funds Expended
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Funds are federal and state and federal regulations are applicable



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### USDA/RD - WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM

Eligible Applicants	Counties & Municipalities, Water/Sewer Districts, federally recognized Indian Tribes and Non-Profits/Associations
Eligible Projects	Water, Wastewater, Storm Water, and Solid Waste Systems (Construction, Repair, Expansion)
Local Match Required	Amount will be based on applicant cash on hand can be as low as \$0.00
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes, reimbursement as part of total project costs
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Ratio dependent upon user rates, no limit or maximum for loans, 75% maximum grant
Loan Repayment Period	40 years or life of facility
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open cycle
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Population <10,000 Applicants must be unable to finance the project by use of commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms

### USDA/RD - PRE-DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Eligible Applicants	Counties & Municipalities, Water/Sewer Districts, federally recognized Indian Tribes and Non-Profits/Associations
Eligible Projects	Water, Wastewater, Storm Water, and Solid Waste Systems (Planning)
Local Match Required	Yes, 25%
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	\$30,000
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open cycle
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Population <10,000 Applicants must be unable to finance the project by use of commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms



## USDA/RD - SPECIAL EVALUATION ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND HOUSEHOLDS [SEARCH] GRANTS

Eligible Applicants	Counties & Municipalities, Water/Sewer Districts, federally recognized Indian Tribes and Non-Profits/Associations
Eligible Projects	Water, Wastewater, Storm Water, and Solid Waste Systems (Planning)
Local Match Required	No
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	\$30,000
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open cycle
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Population <2,500 Applicants must be unable to finance the project by use of commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms



## MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)

### State Revolving Fund Loan Program

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### DEQ/SRF - WATER POLLUTION CONTROL STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM (WPCSRF)

Eligible Applicants	Municipalities for wastewater projects, Municipalities and private entities for nonpoint source projects
Eligible Projects	Wastewater, stormwater or other projects that solve water quality problems
Local Match Required	No
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Loan amounts based on an ability to repay loans. 100% of eligible project costs can be borrowed. Partial principal forgiveness may apply
Loan Repayment Period	30 years or less. Cannot exceed design life Up to 3 years for interim financing
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open cycle
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Projects must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan, must demonstrate ability to repay loan



## DEQ/SRF - DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM (DWSRF)

Eligible Applicants	All community public water systems
Eligible Projects	Drinking water projects that address the Safe Drinking Water Act
Local Match Required	No
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Loan amounts based on an ability to repay loans. 100% of eligible project costs can be borrowed. Partial principal forgiveness may apply
Loan Repayment Period	20 years or less. Qualifying disadvantaged communities are eligible for loan terms of up to 40 years and term cannot exceed the design life. Up to 3 years for interim financing
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open cycle
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Projects must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan, must demonstrate ability to repay loan, organizational capacity is adequate to maintain compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act



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#### DEQ/SRF - DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM (DWSRF) – LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

Eligible Applicants	All Community and Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems (non-profit)
Eligible Projects	Projects directly connected to the identification, planning, design and replacement of lead service lines. Line replacement must be the entire service line, not just a portion, unless a portion has already been replaced
Local Match Required	No
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	100% of eligible project costs can be borrowed; Must demonstrate ability to repay loan. Partial principal forgiveness may apply (60% up to maximum of 2 million dollars)
Loan Repayment Period	20 years or less. Qualifying disadvantaged communities are eligible for loan terms of up to 40 years and term cannot exceed the design life
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open cycle
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Projects must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan. A community will be considered economically disadvantaged when its combined annual water and sewer system or water system only rates are within 60% of their target rates as established by the Montana Department of Commerce.

## DEQ/SRF - DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM (DWSRF) – EMERGING CONTAMINANTS (EC)

Eligible Applicants	All Community and Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems (non-profit)
Eligible Projects	Projects directly related to addressing Emerging Contaminants in drinking water
Local Match Required	No
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes
Loan Repayment Period	100% Loan Forgiveness
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open cycle
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Projects must be included on the EC Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan Must meet all Federal SRF requirements Organizational capacity is adequate to maintain compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act



## Emerging Contaminants for Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant

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## DEQ - EMERGING CONTAMINANTS FOR SMALL OR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES GRANT

Eligible Applicants	All Community and Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems (non-profit)
Eligible Projects	Projects directly related to addressing Emerging Contaminants in drinking water
Local Match Required	No
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	100% of eligible project costs can be reimbursed
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Open cycle
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Small systems < 10,000 in population Disadvantaged = annual water + sewer system or water system only rates are within 60% of their target rates (Montana Department of Commerce)

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INTERCAP LOAN	
Eligible Applicants	Local government units, Special Purpose Districts, Water/Sewer Districts And Tribal governments
Eligible Projects	Water & Wastewater Systems, Solid Waste construction, repair, expansion, equipment, vehicles, interim financing
Local Match Required	No
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	100% of eligible projects can be borrowed; Must demonstrate ability to repay loan Over \$3 million on a case-by-case basis
Loan Repayment Period	Up to 15 years
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Continuous cycle





**U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION  
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**Public Works Grants**

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EDA - PUBLIC WORKS GRANTS	
Eligible Applicants	Municipalities, Counties, Indian Tribes, nonprofits
Eligible Projects	Water and Wastewater Systems
Local Match Required	Yes
Planning Costs Covered?	Yes, under the Technical Assistance Program
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Generally, not to exceed \$3,000,000, but may be waived in special circumstances
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	Applications accepted at any time
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Project tied to economic development, job creation, or retention. Must comply with federal regulations.



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### USACE - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATES & TRIBES (SEC. 22, WRDA 74)

Eligible Applicants	States, local governments, federally recognized Indian Tribes, non-federal entities (w/local government support)
Eligible Projects	Broad range of water resource issues. These programs are planning level only and do not lead to construction.
Local Match Required	50% federal; 50% non-federal
Planning Costs Covered?	Planning costs can count towards local cost share or can be reimbursed, even when incurred prior to signing a project partnership agreement
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	\$2 million for each state or Tribe per year
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	No specific deadline, but federal share is tied to the federal appropriation process.
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Interested sponsors should submit a letter of request. More information can be found at <a href="http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Planning.aspx">www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Planning.aspx</a>

### USACE - FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROGRAM (FPMS)

(SEC. 206, FLOOD CONTROL ACT (FCA) OF 1960)

Eligible Applicants	States, local governments, federally recognized Indian Tribes, non-federal entities (w/local government support)
Eligible Projects	Broad range of water resource issues. These programs are planning level only and do not lead to construction
Local Match Required	100% federal
Planning Costs Covered?	Planning costs can count towards local cost share or can be reimbursed, even when incurred prior to signing a project partnership agreement
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	\$1 million per state per year
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	No specific deadline, but federal share is tied to the federal appropriation process
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Interested sponsors should submit a letter of request. More information can be found at <a href="http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Planning.aspx">www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Planning.aspx</a>



## USACE - RURAL MT ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Eligible Applicants	Public entities (Includes Indian Tribes)
Eligible Projects	Wastewater treatment and related facilities, water supply and related facilities, environmental restoration and surface water resource protection and development
Local Match Required	75% federal/25% local cost share
Planning Costs Covered?	Planning costs can count towards local cost share or can be reimbursed, even when incurred prior to signing a project partnership agreement
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	No specific amount per project, but typically no more than \$1,500,000. Funding for this program varies year to year
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	No specific deadline. Funds are announced in the Corps Work Plan, and projects receiving funds are notified, funding tied to Federal fiscal year appropriation process
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Project tied to economic development, job creation, or retention. Must comply with federal regulations



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MT DES is organizationally situated within the Montana Department of Military Affairs. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides guidance and grant oversight.

### BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC)

Eligible Applicants	States, Tribal Governments, and Territories. Counties, cities, townships, special district governments, and Indian tribal governments. Sub-applicants are required to have a FEMA-approved and locally adopted hazard mitigation plan in accordance with 44 CFR Part 201.
Eligible Projects	Hazard Mitigation Projects Hazard Mitigation Planning
Local Match Required	Federal: 75%/Local: 25%  Federal: 90%/Local:10% = Small and Impoverished Communities (see definition online)
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Funding is limited based on the total costs of the disaster
Funding Cycle	January 6, 2025 - April 18, 2025. MT DES will not accept applications after March 21, 2025
Special Requirements and Additional Information	To develop and submit an application you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to MT DES</li><li>• Have access to FEMA GO.</li></ul> Details at <a href="https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/learn/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities">www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/learn/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities</a>



## INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS)

### Sanitation Facilities Construction Program

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#### IHS – SANITATION DEFICIENCY SYSTEM (SDS)

Eligible Participants	Federally recognized Indian Tribes
Eligible Projects	Water and sewer facilities for eligible new Indian owned housing; Funding to correct sanitation deficiencies
Local Match Required	No, but points are added for contributions to project.
Planning Costs Covered?	Planning is provided by IHS engineers or by Tribes who have chosen to operate their portion of the program via Title I or Title V.
Amount of Funds Available Per Project	Funding level is based on deficiency level of Indian owned homes.
Funding Cycle (Deadline)	The deadline for construction funding is June 1. All preliminary planning and design must be complete for eligibility for construction funding. It is recommended that proposed projects are entered into SDS no later than the previous January.
Special Requirements and Additional Information	Funding is available to serve eligible Indian owned homes only. The prorated cost of all other entities served by the project must be from other sources. Work is done under an MOA.



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[epa.gov/small-and-rural-wastewater-systems/funding-sources-small-and-rural-wastewater-systems](https://epa.gov/small-and-rural-wastewater-systems/funding-sources-small-and-rural-wastewater-systems)

[epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-grants](https://epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-grants)

EPA provides funding to improve drinking water and wastewater systems in small and rural communities.



**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION  
RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN (RRGL)  
RECLAMATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RDG)**



**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMERCE**

**MONTANA COAL ENDOWMENT PROGRAM (MCEP) GRANTS  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG) – HUD**



**WESTERN MONTANA  
Conservation  
Commission**



**Rural  
Development**

**US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT (USDA RD)**



**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF)**

**MONTANA**  
BOARD OF INVESTMENTS  
INTERCAP LOANS



**U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) PUBLIC WORKS GRANTS**



**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA)**



**MONTANA DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES  
BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC)**



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